

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled).
2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim ~~11~~ 9, wherein the power supply is contained in the unit.
3. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 2, further comprising:
 - at least one solar cell; and
 - at least one rechargeable battery to absorb and to store the necessary electrical energy.
4. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein the solar cells are adjustably arranged.
5. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim ~~11~~ 9, wherein the light that illuminates the sign is an LED sheet which is fitted to the sign.
6. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim ~~11~~ 9, further comprising:
 - attachment elements for attaching the unit to a frame which surrounds the sign to be illuminated.
7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim ~~11~~ 9, wherein the unit is L-shaped.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim ~~11~~9, further comprising:

at least one light sensor for controlling the illumination of the sign.

9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~according to Claim 11, further~~ for illuminating a sign,
the apparatus comprising:

a unit that is attachable to the sign;

at least one light that illuminates the sign;

a power supply that is separate from a main power supply;

at least one light emitting diode (LED) spotlight that illuminates an area surrounding the
sign; and

one or more proximity sensors or an adjustable time circuit for switching the illumination
of the sign on and off.

Claims 10-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim ~~11~~9, further comprising:

at least one light sensor that controls the illumination of the surrounding area.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~according to Claim 11, further~~ for illuminating a sign,
the apparatus comprising:

a unit that is attachable to the sign;

at least one light that illuminates the sign;

a power supply that is separate from a main power supply;

at least one light emitting diode (LED) spotlight that illuminates an area surrounding the sign; and

at least one proximity sensor or an adjustable time circuit for switching the surrounding area illumination on and off.

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim ~~11~~ 9, ~~wherein~~ further comprising:

means for adjusting an aperture angle and desired direction of a light cone illuminating the surrounding area ~~can be adjusted~~.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for illuminating a sign, the apparatus comprising:

a unit that is attachable to the sign;

at least one light that illuminates the sign;

a power supply that is separate from a main power supply; and

at least one attachment element that attaches the unit to a frame surrounding the sign, the attachment element including a rail wherein a groove formed in the unit may be pushed onto the rail to attach the unit to the frame.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus for illuminating a sign, the apparatus comprising:~~
according to Claim 9, wherein the a unit that is attachable to the sign, the unit being is L-shaped
with a horizontal limb and a vertical limb; and

~~at least one light that illuminates the sign; and~~

~~a power supply that is separate from a main power supply;~~

wherein the unit is attached to the sign with at least one attachment point on each limb.

18. (Canceled)

19. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein the power supply is contained in the unit.

20. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 19, further comprising:

at least one solar cell; and

at least one rechargeable battery to absorb and to store the necessary electrical energy.

21. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 20, wherein the solar cells are adjustably arranged.

22. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein the light that illuminates the sign is an LED sheet which is fitted to the sign.

23. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 13, further comprising:

attachment elements for attaching the unit to a frame which surrounds the sign to be illuminated.

24. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 13, wherein the unit is L-shaped.

25. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 13, further comprising:

at least one light sensor for controlling the illumination of the sign.

26. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 13, further comprising:

at least one light sensor that controls the illumination of the surrounding area.

27. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 13, further comprising:

means for adjusting an aperture angle and desired direction of a light cone illuminating the surrounding area.

28. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein the power supply is contained in the unit.

29. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 28, further comprising:

at least one solar cell; and

at least one rechargeable battery to absorb and to store the necessary electrical energy .

30. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 29, wherein the solar cells are adjustably arranged.

31. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein the light that illuminates the sign is an LED sheet which is fitted to the sign.

32. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 16, further comprising:

attachment elements for attaching the unit to a frame which surrounds the sign to be illuminated.

33. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein the unit is L-shaped.

34. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 16, further comprising:

at least one light sensor for controlling the illumination of the sign.

35. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 16, further comprising:

at least one light sensor that controls the illumination of the surrounding area.

36. (New) An apparatus according to Claim 16, further comprising:

means for adjusting an aperture angle and desired direction of a light cone illuminating the surrounding area.